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LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) working under his Ministry;

(b) the places where these PSUs are working and the details of their production;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to privatise even profit making PSUs; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) There are six Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines namely;
(i) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO),
(ii) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO),
(iii) Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL),
(iv) Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML),
(v) Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) and
(vi) Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL).

(b)
(i) NALCO has its headquarter at Bhubaneswar and place of work in the State of Orissa. The production of Aluminium metal during the year 1999-2000 by NALCO was 212,663 tonnes.
(ii) BALCO has its headquarter at New Delhi and places of work in the States of Chattisgarh and West Bengal. The production of Aluminium metal during the year 1999-2000 by BALCO was 91,345 tonnes.
(iii) HZL has its headquarter at Udaipur and places of work in the States of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. The production of Zinc and Lead during the year 1999-2000 was 145,796 tonnes and 35,120 tonnes respectively.
(iv) BGML has its headquarter at Kolar and places of work in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The production of gold during the year 1999-2000 was 433.51 Kgs.
(v) HCL has its headquarter at Calcutta and places of work in the States of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The production of Copper Cathode during the year 1998-1999 (1.10.1998 to 30.9.1999) was 32149 tonnes.
(vi) MECL has its headquarter at Nagpur and its activities are spread all over the country. MECL is responsible for detailed exploration of various minerals/ ores by drilling and exploratory mining and proving reserves for their eventual explolitation.

(c) and (d): NALCO, BALCO and HZL are profit making PSUs whereas HCL, BGML and MECL are loss making PSU Disinvestment proposals in these PSUs except BGML are based on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission and are in line with Government policy on disinvestment.